



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

Something Else Timber Sale Application # 30-083200 and FPA # 2609885 is composed of five even aged variable retention harvest units and one right-of-way day lighting unit totaling 184 acres. The timber sale units are located within the Sutherland-Aldwell and Salt Creek Watershed Administrative Units (WAU) in Clallam County. The volume total for this sale is an estimated 5.288 million board feet of timber. There are a total of 3,255 feet of road construction 9,020 feet of reconstruction and 18,677 feet of pre-haul maintenance and 3,782 feet of abandonment for this sale. Rock for this proposal will be acquired from Place Pit or an approved commercial source.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: (Procedure PR-14-004-120)

The proposal is non-habitat.

Marbled Murrelet: (Procedure PR-14-004-320)

DNR identified 1,933 acres of reclassified habitat in the Sutherland-Aldwell WAU. Of this, 1,458 acres are deferred from harvest. This proposal will harvest 58 acres of the 475 acres released for harvest. Marbled Murrelet timing restrictions will apply to Place Pit, PA-I-1000 road between stations 29+30 to 120+40 and PA-I-1406 and Unit 3. No logging activity, pit development, road construction, reconstruction or maintenance is allowed from April 1 to August 31 in the dawn and dusk hours (one hour before to two hours after official sunrise, and one hour before to one hour after official sunset) Unit 1 has 58.1 acres of reclassified habitat which has been released to be harvested.

Bald Eagle: (Procedure PR-14-004-330)

Timber harvest (variable-retention) – approximately 8 acres of Unit 3 of the Something Else Timber Sale and approximately 940' of road construction are within ½-mile of the Lake Aldwell Bald Eagle territory nest tree. At its nearest point, the boundary of Unit 3 is approximately 0.42 miles and the road construction is 0.35 miles from the mapped location of the nest. Because of the proposal's remoteness from the eagle nest and the minimal impact of the proposed variable-retention harvest, the Bald Eagle Site Management Plan imposes no specific conditions relative to the Lake Aldwell bald eagle territory.

Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): (Procedure PR-14-004-150)

There are three type A wetlands associated with Unit 1 and are bounded out with 165 foot buffers. In Unit 2 there is one type A wetland which was bounded out of the sale area with a 165 foot buffer and a forested wetland which was also bounded out of the sale with a 165 foot buffer. There is also a type 3 stream which has a 180 foot buffer. Unit 3 has one type 3 stream which was bounded out of the sale with a 180 foot buffer, one type 4 stream which has a 100 foot buffer, four type 5 streams which have a 30 foot no equipment zone, and a 165 foot buffer on a type A wetland. Unit 4 has one type 3 stream with a 157 foot site index buffer, one type 4 stream with a 100 buffer and two type A wetlands with 165 foot buffers. There will not be any harvest activities within any of the listed above buffers. A total of 17.24 acres of wetlands were removed from the sale area.

Slope Stability: (Procedure PR-14-004-050)



A slope stability specialist visited the site and identified slopes south of Unit 4. These slopes were bounded out of the sale area. Lead-end suspension will be required where cable operations are used in an effort to minimize soil disturbance.

Retention Trees: (Procedure PR-14-006-090)

Unit 1: 591 scattered leave trees marked with blue paint and 60 trees in a leave tree area

Unit 2: 10 scattered leave trees marked with blue paint and 24 trees in a leave tree area.

Unit 3: 184 scattered leave trees marked with blue paint.

Unit 4: 660 scattered leave trees with 160 marked with blue paint. The remaining 500 trees in Unit 4 will be marked by the purchaser under these requirements;

Leave trees must be no more than 400' apart.

140 Trees no less than 15" dbh

200 trees no less than 18" dbh

160 trees no less than 25" dbh

Unit 5: Variable retention harvest with 5 scattered leave trees

When choosing leave trees, emphasis is on leaving old growth trees or trees that are structurally unique and that will provide wildlife habitat. Snags may be left as long as there are no safety concerns.

Roads:

Existing roads in need of maintenance will be improved. Roads have been located on relatively flat ground, well back from the topographic breaks into stream drainages. Ditch water is to be diverted onto stable locations on the forest floor, and the installation of sufficient cross drains will maintain natural drainage patterns.

Rain on Snow

Within the Sutherland–Aldwell WAU the peak rain-on-snow dominated zone totals 935 acres. Within sub-basin #1, 8.75% is DNR/HCP forest managed. Information for the other 91.25% is unavailable (private ownership) 81.18 % of the DNR managed ROS zone is hydrologically mature.

Within the Salt Creek WAU the peak rain-on-snow dominated zone totals 325 acres. Within the Salt Creek sub-basin #5, 98.16% is DNR/HCP forest managed. Information for the other 1.84% is unavailable (private ownership) 76.11% of the DNR managed ROS zone is hydrologically mature.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

Legal of proposal is;

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T30N R7W S16

T30N R7W S19

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Port Angeles, Washington is located 11 miles north east of this proposal.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from May 6, 2009. Comments must be submitted by May 20, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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